

CITY OF BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE #717H

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 118-34 AND SECTION 118-35 OF THE CITY OF BELVIDERE
MUNICIPAL CODE.**

PASSED AND ADOPTED

BY THE CITY COUNCIL

OF THE CITY OF

BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS

ON THE 7th DAY OF APRIL 2025.

APPROVED BY THE

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF

BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS

ON THE 9th DAY OF APRIL 2025.

Published in Pamphlet Form this 9th day of April 2025.

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: Section 118-34 is amended to read as set forth in the attached Exhibit A which is incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2: Section 118-35 of the City of Belvidere Municipal Code is amended to read as set forth in the attached Exhibit B which is incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 3: If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, sentence or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, invalidate or nullify the remainder thereof, which remainder shall remain and continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in pamphlet form as required by law which publication is hereby authorized.

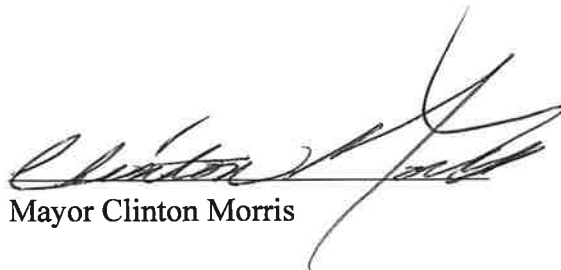
Ayes: Albertini, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, McGee, Peterson and Stevens.


Nays: None.

Absent: Brereton, Freeman and Mulhall.

Passed: April 7, 2025

Approved: April 9, 2025


Mayor Clinton Morris

ATTEST: 
City Clerk Erica Bluege

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT A

Sec. 118-34. Planting.

- (a) The city shall plant and maintain a healthy diverse urban forest to improve the natural resources and quality of life for its residents.
- (b) The city shall plant diverse species with the ratio of not more than 15 percent of any one family, ten percent of any one genus or five percent of any one species. Diverse species composition protects from catastrophic loss.
- (c) All trees planted by the city or their agent shall be planted consistent with the most current ANSI A300 Standards of American National Standards Institute.
- (d) Trees purchased by the city shall be of a quality consistent with the most current American Standards for Nursery Stock as approved by the most current ANSI Z60.1 standards.
- (e) It shall be unlawful to plant any tree or shrub in the public right-of-way, or on other publicly owned property or on any conservation or preservation area, without prior approval from the city and, in the instance of the conservation or preservation area, the language on the recorded plat shall prevail.
- (f) The spacing of street trees will be in accordance with the three species size classes listed below. No trees may be planted closer together than the following, except in special plantings designed or approved by a landscape architect:

Small Trees (20' to 35' in height):	30 feet
Medium Trees (30' to 50' in height):	40 feet
Large Trees (50' and greater in height):	50 feet

- (g) The distance trees may be planted from curbs or curblines and sidewalks will be in accordance with the three species size classes listed above. No trees may be planted closer to any curb or sidewalk than the following:

Small Trees:	2 feet
Medium Trees:	3 feet
Large Trees:	4 feet

- (h) No street tree shall be planted closer than 35 feet of any street corner, measured from the point of nearest intersecting curbs or curb-lines. No street tree shall be planted closer than ten feet to any fire hydrant.
 - (i) No street trees other than those species of small trees may be planted under or within five lateral feet of any underground water line, sewer line, transmission line or other utility.
 - (j) The city should provide education and outreach to private landowners on the need for species and age diversity, proper selection and planting practices, and how to select species for particular sites.
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Sec. 118-35. Tree care.

The city shall have the right to plant, prune, maintain and remove trees, within the lines of all streets, alleys, avenues, lanes, squares and public grounds, as may be necessary to ensure public safety or to preserve or enhance the symmetry and beauty of public grounds. The city shall endeavor to conduct these activities in accordance with International Society of Arboriculture practices, where possible. This would include but not be limited to:

- (1) Establishing watering program for implementation during periods when natural rain fall is not adequate to meet the needs of newly planted trees. Newly planted trees are any trees planted within five years of the inadequate rainfall. All tree care shall be performed in accordance with the most current ANSI A300 standards.
- (2) Have an established pruning program that places all trees on public property on a ten year pruning cycle. Pruning is to be accomplished under the direction of a certified arborist and in compliance with the most current ANSI A300 standards of the American National Standards Institute. Care should be taken to follow best management practices including, but not limited to good sanitation practices to reduce spread of infectious conditions and restriction of pruning based on species needs, e.g., oaks should only be pruned when dormant.
- (3) It is recommended that during the pruning cycle, trees to be pruned be identified by species, size and location and be rated for health and hazard potential. A record of this report should be used as a guide for city staff to address problems and provide care as needed.

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF BOONE)

Erica Bluege, first being duly sworn on oath deposes and says as follows:

By authority of the City Council of the City of Belvidere, Illinois, I published Ordinance #717H of the City of Belvidere, Illinois, in pamphlet form on April 9, 2025 and as a convenience for the public; I posted the pamphlet form of Ordinance #717H on the bulletin board in the lobby of Belvidere City Hall at 401 Whitney Blvd., Belvidere, Illinois; said location being readily accessible to the public during business hours of the City Clerk's office.



Erica Bluege
City Clerk

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME
this 9th day of April, 2025.



Notary Public